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Use safe exchange zones for internet-based transactions

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (WOPD) May 15, 2017 – West Orange Police want to remind residents to use safe exchange zones for internet-based transactions, such as those that originate on Craigslist.

Recent robberies in East Orange and other New Jersey municipalities show that in-person sales, transactions and exchanges that start online can result in violence, fraud and other methods of deception.

Officials urge residents to use their local police department parking lots and lobbies as a meeting place for in-person transactions to occur.

Meanwhile, police encourage all residents to engage in such transactions during daylight hours, bring a cell phone along in case of emergency, notify friends or family of the intention to meet to conduct such a transaction, to never invite strangers to the home or agree to meet at a stranger's home and to reconsider any transaction with someone who refuses to meet at a police department.

